

# Subject-Verb Agreement G

**8j.** When the subject follows the verb, find the subject and make sure the verb agrees with it.

**EXAMPLES** Here **is** the **list** of topics from which you may choose.  
When **are** these **books** due back to the library?

**EXERCISE A** For each of the following sentences, underline the word or word group in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence.

**Example 1.** When (do, does) the teacher want us to finish the assignment?

1. Why (*is*, *are*) your parents going to Beijing?
2. Here (*is*, *are*) the magazines you were looking for.
3. (*Has*, *Have*) the students returned from their field trip yet?
4. (*There is*, *There are*) a snail crawling across the aquarium.
5. Where (*is*, *are*) the cat?
6. (*Do*, *Does*) all of your brothers and sisters speak Vietnamese?
7. When (*was*, *were*) the latest episodes of the program scheduled to begin?
8. There (*is*, *are*) many reasons you should read that book.
9. How (*do*, *does*) those new shoes feel?
10. Brittany, here (*is*, *are*) the books on astronomy you ordered.

**EXERCISE B** Circle the subject or subjects of the verb in parentheses in each of the following sentences. Then, underline the word or word group in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence.

**Example 1.** (Has, Have) anyone in your family ever learned to water-ski?

11. (*Are*, *Is*) your little brother a finalist in the state gymnastics tournament?
12. (*There's*, *There are*) over forty species of birds that pass through my backyard.
13. How (*do*, *does*) bees make honey?
14. Here (*lie*, *lies*) the ruins of the colony.
15. When (*is*, *are*) your cousins from Guatemala coming to visit?
16. (*Do*, *Does*) anyone here have change for a twenty-dollar bill?
17. There (*was*, *were*) no excuses for what Dudley had done.
18. What (*do*, *does*) the Andersons want to know about the school system?
19. (*Has*, *Have*) someone told you the rules of our game?
20. Here (*is*, *are*) Amy and her sisters!